

As some of you may know that we have a Swan Wheeler, Chris Cox doing a great attempt at riding **Cyclocross** in the Central League in the **Vet Men's 50** races held over 40 minutes, the season is a short one & held during later summer - winter months. Well worth a look if you are passing, good racing, great people, food, coffee and loo's are available.

Here is a final report of Chris's season.

The seasons' racing was fast and furious in the early season, due to the dry conditions but of course that changed as autumn turned into winter, I had a nervous feeling on the first start grid with some familiar faces and a few new ones to compete against.

ROUND 1: Milton Keynes Bowl was pleased with a result of 18/90 (event organisers Team Mk)

Round 2: Campbell Park MK (Velo Bants) this is a great course and the venue for the world cup. I finished 21/140, losing time due to a slide and tangle with marker tape. Happy with result and a Sprint finish.

Round 3: Kettering, finished 13/72 - had good start from back of the grid.

Round 4: MK Bowl (Luton CC), finished 13/65, lost time coming off twice in greasy conditions.

Missed next 3 rounds.. **5** Kingston Whrs, **6** Hemel Hampstead & **7** Leighton Buzzard

Round 8 was at Whipsnade. Good course (Icknield Cross CC) finished 24/80. It was a hard race and I went backwards after 2 laps. I thought that may happen as I had not been on a bike for 4 weeks.

(PaulW) A post from a Bossard mate... "More cyclocross agony, on the long grass and muddy ruts of Whipsnade this time and the short grass and adverse chambers of Leighton Buzzard (#7) from the week before."

Next 2 events are local:

Round 9 Sat 17Nov18: MK Bowl (Corley Cycles) this event saw Chris completing 6 laps the same as the winner back in 31st place out of a field of some 81 entrants, a little too dry and fast for my liking Chris's said.

Round 10 Sun 25Nov18: Swanbourne House school (JCA Equipe Velo) for 6 lap race it had 90 entrants competing with Chris completing 5 laps back in 54th.

Eastern & Central Regional Championships

Sun 2nd Dec, Stanborough Park, Hertford, this event saw 86 entrants in this 4 lap race which Chris completed in 49th spot.

Round 11 Sun 6Dec18, Hillingdon (Hillingdon) Chris managed 5 laps for this event and finished 54th out of 90 entrants

Round 12 this event was Cancelled

Round 13 Sun 6Jan19, Corby (Rockingham Forest) - 12 participants only Chris not entered.

Round 14 Sun 20Jan 19, Lutterworth (Welland Valley) - 11 participants only Chris not entered.

Round 15 Sun 27Jan19, Hillingdon (WDMBC) - 42 entrants for the final race in the series but again Chris didn't enter.

Whilst not able to enter the last few rounds Chris is hoping to compete in the next season.

Interested? More details can be found at <http://centralcxl.org.uk/> also entries are done through British Cycling for which you have to a Bronze member (minimum) again for more details for the Central League calendar etc go to https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/?series_id=142

PaulW